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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

BLM Coos Bay District Office

EA Number: OR128-02-10

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Proposed Action Title/Type: Temporary Road Closure of BLM Road 29-11-24.0 to motorized public access (Euphoria Ridge).

Location of Proposed Action: T. 29 S., R. 11 W., Sections 23 and 24, W.M. Coos County. OR.

Applicant (if any): N/A

Conformance With Applicable Land Use Plan: This proposed action is subject to the Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement and its Record of Decision (BLM, 1995); which is in conformance with the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its Record of Decision (Interagency, 1994). This plan has been reviewed to determine if the proposed action conforms with the land use plan's terms and conditions as required by 43 CFR 1601.5.

Remarks: The Proposed Action is in compliance with the *Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement* and its Record of Decision (BLM, 1995)(RMP); hereby incorporated by reference. The RMP has been determined to be consistent with the standards and guidelines for healthy lands at the land use plan scale and associated timelines.

Need for Proposed Action: This road closure to motorized public access is intended to prevent further degradation of culturally- and environmentally-sensitive meadow areas within the adjacent Coquille Forest. The installed gate will prevent unauthorized entry of four-wheel vehicles onto meadow areas while continuing to allow for pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle use of the complete Euphoria Ridge trail, including meadow areas.

Description of Proposed Action: Temporary road closure for an indefinite period, beginning March 1, 2002.

Environmental Impacts to Critical Elements of the Human Environment:

Critical Elements	Affected		Critical Elements	Affected	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Air Quality		X	T & E Species		X
ACECs		X	Wastes, Hazardous/Solid		X
Cultural Resources		X	Water Quality		X
Farmlands, Prime/Unique		X	Wetlands/Riparian Zones/ACS		X
Floodplains		X	Wild & Scenic Rivers		X
Unresolved conflicts		X	Wilderness		X
Noxious Weed Management		X	Port Orford Cedar Management		X
Environmental Justice Concerns		X	Energy production, transmission		X
Native American religious concerns and/or			,		
Indian trust resources	X*				

^{*} Preventing physical degradation of meadow areas will provide benefits to the Coquille Indian Tribe in their spiritual and ceremonial use of this portion of their Tribal Forest.

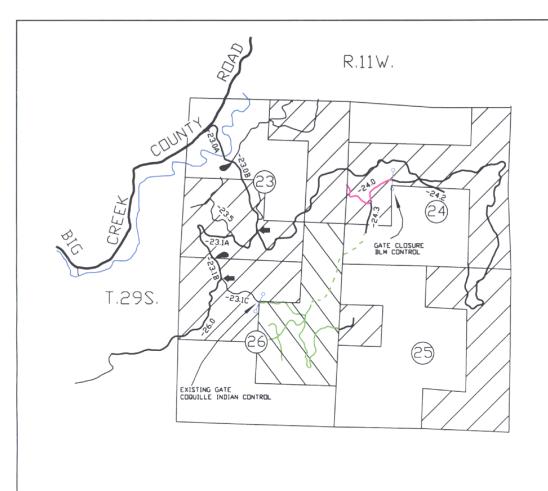
Description of Impacts to Specific Elements of the Human Environment: Road closure will have an impact on the stability of fragile meadow soils and vegetation.

No other impacts have been identified.

Description of Mitigation Measures and Residual Impacts: Impacts created by this road closure should be limited to the inability of hunters to drive the full length of BLM Road 29-11-24.0. However, pedestrian access is not restricted, so hunters still can enter the area on foot.

Persons/Agencies Consulted: The Coquille Indian Tribe officially requested this road closure for the reasons specified above. The following BLM specialists were consulted:

<u>Preparers</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>	Speciality	
Stephan Samuels			District Archaeologist, District Native American Coordinator, Area Environmental Justice	
Nancy Brian Jim Kowalick Stephen Langenstei Nikki Moore Bob Raper Tim Votaw	n		Coordinator, Team Lead District Botanist Port Orford Cedar Coordinator Wildlife Biologist, S&M Mollusk Coordinator Fisheries Biologist District Noxious Weed Coordinator Hazardous Material Specialist	
Date : January 29, 2002.				
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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFIC	CANT IMPACT/DECISIO	ON RECORI	Э.	
environmental impacts. I har have any significant impacts proposed project is in conform	we determined that the pro on the human environme nance with the approved	oposed action ont and that a land use pla	nnation and resolution of any potentially significant in with the mitigation measures described below will not an EIS is not required. I have determined that the in. It is my decision to implement the project as described on measures identified below.	
Mitigation Measures:				
Decision recommended by:	NRSA:		Date:	
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Decision Approved by:	Myrtlewood Field Man	ager:	Date:	



BLM CONTROLLED ROAD 29-11-24.0 (0.46 MILES CLOSED BEHIND GATE)

LONE ROCK TIMBER CO. ROAD NO. 29-11-24.3 (RWA C-625)

(PRESENTLY BLOCK WITH RIPRAP @ JCT. W/ RD. NO. 29-11-24.0)

- COQUILLE FOREST CONTROLLED ROADS

--- EXISTING MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

O-O GATE

ROAD NUMBER BREAK

■ ROAD SEGMENT BREAK

BLM LANDS

PRIVATE LANDS

COQUILLE FOREST LANDS



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JONES CREEK LOCATION MAP

Drawn by J. Robb

